



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No. 26.2.D09/USA

In re Application of:)
Steven J. Svoboda et al.)
Serial No. 10/795,789)
Filed 03/08/2004) Group Art Unit 1744
For BLOWER/VAC DEBRIS) Examiner
COLLECTION SYSTEM WITH)
COLLECTION BAG ON)
MOVABLE WHEELED CART)

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME and
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is requested that the time for responding to the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION of May 25, 2004, now set to expire on July 25, 2004, be extended for two (2) months, to expire on September 25, 2004.

In response to the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION-FILING DATE GRANTED form, dated May 25, 2004, I am transmitting herewith an attached DECLARATION FOR UTILITY

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Certificate under 37 C.F.R. 1.8. I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with sufficient postage with the U.S. Postal Service, as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on 9/16/04.

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PATENT APPLICATION, which has now been signed by all of the inventors of the above-identified Patent Application, and an attached ESTABLISHMENT OF ASSIGNEE'S RIGHTS UNDER 37 C.F.R. §3.73 AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM ASSIGNEE, which has been signed by the assignee.

I am also transmitting an Information Disclosure Statement for the above-identified application.

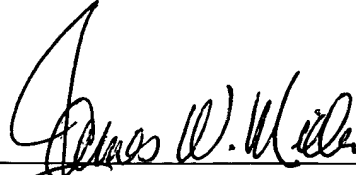
I am also transmitting a Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified application.

Under 37 CFR 1.48(f)(1), filing an oath or declaration with inventorship different from that specified when an incomplete application was filed will act to automatically correct the earlier identification of inventorship. That is the situation here. The DECLARATION FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION being filed herewith names inventors different than that named when the incomplete application was filed. Accordingly, the inventorship set forth in the DECLARATION FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION being filed herewith controls and automatically corrects the earlier identification of inventorship without the need for a petition or petition fee.

Please charge the extension of time fee, the filing fees and required surcharge, or any deficiency in fees, or any other fees of any type that may be required, to Deposit Account No. 20-1315 of The Toro Company. This authorization to charge fees for the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 20-1315 of The Toro Company is a blanket authorization for all fees that may be due during the prosecution of this application. A duplicate copy of this sheet

is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. Miller", is written over a horizontal line.

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